

House Resolution 1027

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th, Frazier of the 123rd, and Howard of the 121st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Daniel W. Rahn; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel W. Rahn has made innumerable contributions during his tenure as
3 President of the Medical College of Georgia and Senior Vice Chancellor for Health and
4 Medical Programs for the University System of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
6 time, talent, and energy to the Medical College of Georgia since 1991, holding positions such
7 as Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Program Director for the Internal
8 Medicine Residency Training Program, Chief of General Internal Medicine, Director of the
9 Center for Healthcare Improvement, and Vice Dean for Clinical Activities for the School of
10 Medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, since 2001, Dr. Rahn has served as the university's seventh president, during
12 which time the school's number of applicants has increased over 40 percent and the number
13 of minority students enrolled in the school now stands at 30 percent; and

14 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia marked a 75 percent increase in sponsored
15 research during Dr. Rahn's presidency, enabling tremendous strides in battling conditions
16 such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, infection and inflammation, and
17 neurological diseases; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn helped expand the school's Augusta campus from 80 to almost 100
19 acres during his presidency, building such facilities as the Cancer Research Center, Health
20 Sciences Building, phase two of the Interdisciplinary Research Building, and the Wellness
21 Center and preparing the groundwork for new buildings for the School of Dentistry, the
22 School of Medicine, and student housing; and

23 WHEREAS, he significantly enhanced the Medical College of Georgia's impact state wide,
24 most notably by establishing partner, satellite, and distance-learning campuses throughout
25 Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, his efforts as President of the Medical College of Georgia have immeasurably
27 advanced the university's mission of improving health and reducing the burden of illness on
28 Georgia citizens; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn's leadership and guidance have been instrumental as chairman of an
30 Association of Academic Health Centers Health Workforce Shortage Advisory Committee,
31 the Georgia Department of Community Health's Health Strategies Council, and the State of
32 Georgia's Certificate of Need Study Commission; and

33 WHEREAS, he has received extensive renown and recognition state wide and beyond for his
34 many accomplishments, including inclusion in *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of most
35 influential Georgians; and

36 WHEREAS, Dr. Rahn's contributions to the field of medicine and his outstanding
37 achievements in health care, biomedical research, and education are worthy of recognition.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body commend Dr. Daniel W. Rahn for his dedicated service to the
40 Medical College of Georgia and the State of Georgia and extend their most sincere best
41 wishes for continued success.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Daniel W. Rahn.